

# THE SPOTLIGHT

ALEXANDER HAMILTON VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL.

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## DALESSIO EDITOR

### TRACK STARS

By Walter Marusic

Orlando Martinez and Mike Wallace shared honors in the Brooklyn Public Schools Athletic League cross-country championships at Van Cortlandt Park Tuesday, November 13.

Finishing in second place, Martinez made the race over hilly and rain drenched terrain in fourteen minutes and four seconds. Wallace completed the two and a half mile course in fourteen minutes and fourteen seconds, rating fourth on the list of leading finishers. As a team, Alexander Hamilton merited third place with a score of 125 points. Twenty-two schools participated in the competition.

The success of Martinez and Wallace comes as no surprise to those who witnessed the 67th annual PSAL city-wide Class A run held the preceding week. On that occasion Wallace and Martinez placed sixth and seventh, respectively. This made both boys favorites to win in the borough championships.

Mr. Barad, cross country coach, had interesting news for both boys as an aftermath to their track successes. David C. Larish, an alumnus of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, sent a letter to each boy congratulating him on his performance in the recent meets. Mr. Larish asked Martinez and Wallace to consider the possibility of entering the Naval Academy after graduation from Hamilton. If they can meet the academic requirements, Mr. Larish will help them obtain scholarships.

Lewis Dalessio has been named Editor-in-Chief of the Spotlight. He will write editorials, suggest, distribute, and collect assignments, and represent the newspaper at important conferences. He is assisted in his work by an outstanding Board of Editors and a capable staff of reporters and artists.

Among his other extra-curricular activities, Lew is a member of the Senior Council and President of the Honor Society.

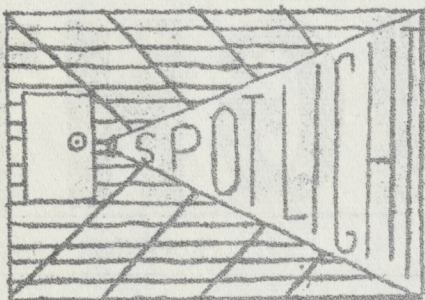
Lew came to Hamilton two years ago after attending other borough schools, including Marine Park and Seth Low Junior High Schools. Although he is now an architectural drafting major, his ambition is to become a psychiatrist. Towards that end, he plans to enroll in a pre-medical course at Adelphi College.

"Only through your contributions can we improve the content of the newspaper," says the new Editor-in-Chief.

### OPEN SCHOOL

Parent-teacher conferences will be held Monday, November 19 from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. and Tuesday, November 20 from 7:30 to 10:00 P.M. All parents are cordially invited to attend.





## Editorial

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Thanksgiving Day originated in the year 1621 when the Massachusetts Pilgrims gave thanks to God for their first harvest. It was not until 1939 however, that a definite day was established. President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed the fourth Thursday in November as an official day of Thanksgiving.

Today of course, Thanksgiving Day means different things to different people. Some still give thanks for a good harvest while others are grateful for a prospering business. This Thanksgiving, in particular, will be one in which much prayer and thanks will be offered for world peace and brotherhood among men.

We Hamilton students especially, have much to be thankful for. A free education regardless of race, creed, or color is ours. Let us be thankful for this, a symbol of America.

\* THANKSGIVING \*

By John Dunne

We should all be happy  
This Thanksgiving Day.  
The smell of turkey is all around;  
Nuts and apples too.

I can't wait until called for dinner;  
I'll eat until stuffed clear through!  
From cranberry sauce to pumpkin pie,  
To cracking walnuts on the side.

This is a dinner to remember;  
It's almost fit for a king;  
With all the family home together,  
Even the canary is ready to sing.

Now, we should be thinking  
How grateful we should be:  
For love and food and shelter,  
And hope for a world all free,  
In the year nineteen hundred and sixty three.



"I should be thankful?"



# THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Boys,

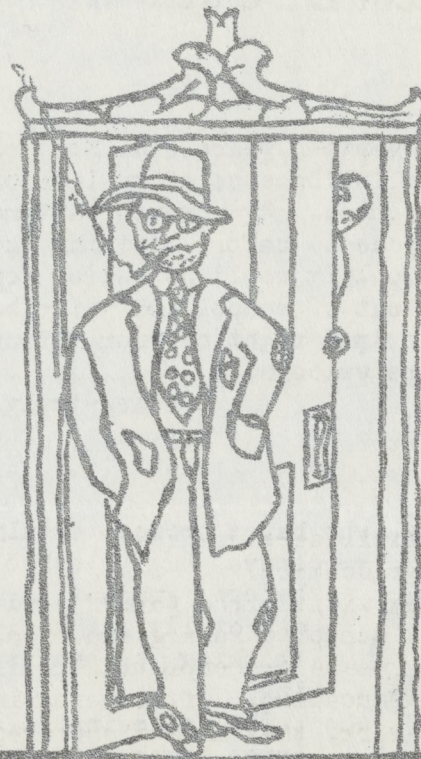
Every year during the month of November, the schools of New York City set one afternoon and one evening for parent-teacher interviews. This year your parents are asked to visit your teachers on the afternoon of Monday, November 19 and on the evening of Tuesday, November 20. Students will be dismissed early on Monday, November 19 to make all teachers available. All your teachers will be present at school on Tuesday, November 20 from 7:30 P.M. to 10 P. M.

The parent-teacher afternoon and the parent - teacher evening provide an opportunity for your parents and teachers to meet and talk about your school, your work, your problems, your ambitions, etc. The evening meeting particularly gives you an opportunity to take your parents on a tour of your school. Our shops and our classrooms will be open and in operation so that your parents may be helped to understand your school work.

Try to follow all of the instructions that you will be given to help you to prepare for your parents visit. Take home all of the instructions, plans of the school, lists of teachers, programs, etc. that you have received. Show these to your parents and urge them to make every effort to attend the evening meeting or the afternoon meeting. Every parent of a boy at Hamilton should attend one of these meetings with their sons' teachers.

Our parent-teacher interview days have always been important and successful here at Hamilton. I should like to see that every boy willingly lends a hand so that we may have our biggest and best parents' visiting days on Monday and Tuesday, November 19 and 20.

Please extend my personal invitation to your parents to visit with us on one of these dates.



When you're ready for college will college be ready for you ???

## THE HONOR SOCIETY

The Honor Society received a pleasant surprise at their meeting on October 19. Richard Laurino, a former president of the organization, attended the meeting and addressed the Society.

Richard, who is currently attending City College of New York, graduated from Hamilton in June 1961. In his speech he stressed the importance of the will to learn. He said, "If you have to force knowledge upon yourself, higher education is not for you."

Chris Castoro

Sincerely yours,

*Abraham Wilner*  
Abraham Wilner  
Principal



## Dear Dr. Salzman

Dear Dr. Salzman:

I am seventeen years old. Most of my grades are low because of my lack of interest in school. My parents want me to finish school before joining the service. I feel it would be better for me to drop out of school and join the service now. Am I right or wrong? Your advice will be welcomed.

Yours truly,  
A. A.

Dear A. A.:



No boy, who has a choice, should leave high school before graduation, especially if he is thinking of enlisting.

The following reasons, among others, should convince you:

1. The armed forces prefer high school graduates, particularly if they are trained in one of the technical or the trade fields. All branches of the service are eager to get graduates of the electrical, machine, metal, building trades, etc.

2. After military service, the chances of getting and maintaining employment are much greater, if the man has a high school diploma. Most adults now know this.

3. Most civil service jobs require high school graduation.

4. I get many visits from former students who left school before graduation. They now seek means of completing their high school education. After being in the world of work, they have discovered that nothing repays so much in dollars and cents as schooling and more schooling.

SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS FOR DR. SALZMAN  
TO MEMBERS OF THE SPOTLIGHT STAFF.

## INQUIRING REPORTER

Robert De Clara

QUESTION:- If you could be granted one wish, what would it be?

Hector De Jesus 5F - I would want to be out of school with a diploma, a good job, and a family.

Martin Bayer 6A - I would wish that all tension between the United States and Russia would cease, including the Berlin and Cuban crises.

Patrick Ferrara 5E - I would wish that I were attending a co-ed college.

Robert Dixon 7C - I would wish that June were only one day away.

Robert Zaber 3B - I would wish to attend one of our nation's better engineering colleges, so I could put to use the knowledge I gain at Hamilton.

James Hoskins 5E - My wish would be for world tensions to be over and that I could live in a world without war.

### TEST TIME

By John Dunne

Oh! here we go with coats and hats  
Straight to our family doctor.  
We're getting our Heaf and Patch tests  
And checks for tuberculosis.

Maybe after a week or two,  
We'll be glad our tests are through.  
And in the days yet to come  
We'll be free as birds on the wing.

Why not go the way we did  
Straight to your family doctor?  
Play it safe and get your tests  
And live healthily ever after!



## FRANTIC !!!

By Lewis Dalessio

It was a bleak and dismal night. A misty fog hovered over the city, separating it from the rest of the world. I was carefully making my way to my secluded apartment, when suddenly I realized I was being followed. The pounding gait indicated a heavy man. Glancing quickly backward, I glimpsed a silhouette. My heart beat rapidly when I considered the massiveness of this animal-like creature. I hastened my pace only to find it doing the same. I was frantic now and began to run. Now out of breath, I realized that I could not continue much longer. Then, in the distance I noticed the crude lines of a figure which I concluded to be that of a policeman. I ran towards it screaming hoarsely for help. Thoroughly frustrated, I fell to the pavement as I realized the awful truth. It was not a policeman but a horrid creature similar to the one at my back.

"Nurse, prepare a morphine injection for the patient. His psychosis has become worse than it was formerly. He must be made comfortable."

I hastened my pace...

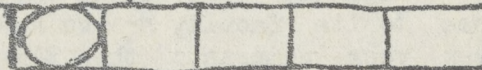


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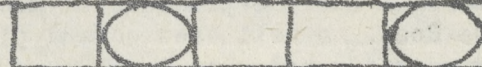
By Jeffrey Weiner

Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each box, to form four ordinary words.

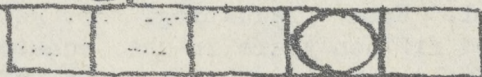
SETLY



TOEHR



BLIMC



ZEAGL



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the following clue:

CLUE:- What the boys of Hamilton think they are.

PRINT SURPRISE ANSWER HERE



FOR SOLUTION - SEE BOTTOM OF PAGE 8.



"Jimmy Seth", screamed a hillbilly wife to her husband. "Yer beard is caught fire." "I know it", he answered angrily. "Caint you see me praying for rain?"

"Now Willie," coaxed mama, "be a good boy and say 'Ah-h-h', so the nasty doctor can get his fingers out of your mouth."



# MEET THE FACULTY

By Thomas Butler

Alexander Hamilton is happy to welcome to its faculty Mr. De Rosa, a fifteen year veteran of the Elmhurst Construction Company.

In my interview in the teachers' cafeteria I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. De Rosa, a well dressed and pleasant mannered gentleman.

As a New York boy he attended Newtown High and Queens Vocational High School. Upon graduating, Mr. De Rosa worked fifteen years in the construction field. Working with some of the best in the trade, Mr. De Rosa learned practically everything there was to know about construction.

Turning toward teaching, he wanted to share his knowledge and skills with boys who are eager to learn how to make and build fine things. By becoming a teacher of woodworking and basic mathematics, he has such an opportunity.

Mr. De Rosa enjoys archery, hunting, fishing, and building model planes. He commented, "I like Hamilton and I get along with everyone. The boys in my classes are O.K." "Stay in school boys" were his parting words of advice.

## \*\* CIVIL WAR DRAMA \*\*

Students are being offered an opportunity of celebrating the centenary of the Emancipation Proclamation by attending a carefully documented recreation of the trial of John Brown. The Anvil by Julia Davis, now playing at the Maidman Playhouse, 416 West 42nd Street (West of Ninth Avenue), was first performed in the actual courtroom in Jefferson County, Virginia, where the original trial took place. Tickets may be purchased at the box office for \$1. on presentation of a G.O. card or other student identification.

## Press Conference

Ed Jolick and Robert De Clara attended a conference on "Reporting on the United Nations" at the Overseas Press Club, October 17, from 3:30 to 5:30 P. M.

The two students, editors of the Spotlight, were invited by the High School Council for the United Nations in behalf of the American Association for the United Nations.

United Nations correspondents from the membership of the Overseas Press Club discussed the art of covering the United Nations.

Speakers included Mary Hornaday of the Christian Science Monitor and James Sheldon, radio commentator and foreign correspondent of the North American Newspaper Alliance. Ample time was provided for questions. The discussion was so interesting that our representatives remained longer than the scheduled time.

## CONTEST NEWS

Students are invited to enter the 19th annual National Traffic Poster Contest of the American Automobile Association.

"Watch for Turning Cars" and "Walk on Left Facing Traffic" are the two safety slogans the contestants must use in designing their posters.

Prizes totaling \$3,725 will be presented for the most appealing and original posters. The 10 best posters will be reproduced and distributed by the A.A.A. to schools throughout the country. First prize is a \$500 savings bond. To be eligible contestants must not have reached their 21st birthday.

More than 16,000 poster designs were entered in last year's competition. Applications and further information may be obtained from the Automobile Club of New York, 28 East 78 Street, New York 21, N. Y.



## Car News For '63

By Ed Jolick

The automobile manufacturers have presented an impressive line-up of '63 cars. Chevrolet has just introduced its radical new Corvette in a fastback coupe and convertible body style. Chassis changes for '63 include a new independent wheel suspension system and an improved fuel injection unit. Rambler is presenting a radically new six speed transmission which you have to shift only three times, although the overdrive unit gives the effect of going through six forward speeds. Studebaker's "factory hot rod", the Avanti, which made its debut last summer features a Fiberglas body designed by world famous stylist, Raymond Lowery. Its 289 cubic inch supercharged engine accelerates with fantastic speed. Specifications state that its 0-60 mph time is 6.1 seconds. Buick and Oldsmobile have redesigned the steering wheels to move up and down for easier entry and exit. All '63 cars have changed to amber parking lights for greater visibility.

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### BOWLING

The bowling season is now underway and will conclude Thursday, December 20. Then the winners from each division will bowl for the borough championship. Hamilton's bowlers rate as one of the top three teams of Division II, which consists of seven schools. For his starting team, Mr. Boeschen may call upon Robert Thompson, Joseph Perillo, Larry Maione, Ray Valcich, Pat Ladolcetta, Ronald Palm and Ronald Dordoni. The season's schedule follows:

Nov. 16	Erasmus Hall
Nov. 20	George Wingate
Nov. 27	Eastern District
Nov. 30	Samuel Tilden
Dec. 5	James Madison
Dec. 7	Midwood
Dec. 14	Erasmus Hall
Dec. 18	George Wingate
Dec. 20	Eastern District

## Soccer Game

By Richard Jezykowski

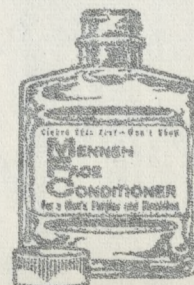
Hamilton's soccer team came close to its first victory of the season in the game against Wingate, October 22.

The near triumph was sparked by the fine performances of Claudio Dalla-valle and Noel McMenamy. Each boy scored once for our team.

An exciting highlight of the game occurred when Wingate tried to get its first goal. Through the efforts and expert maneuvering of Hamilton's goalie the point was not scored. The game was decided in the overtime as the team finally succumbed 3-2.

Coach Zenchek was pleased by the boys' team work and overall determined effort. Weaknesses detected in earlier games have now been corrected.

There was a conspicuous absence of Hamiltonians to root their team to victory.



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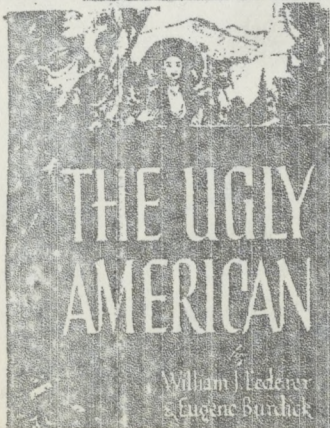


## Book Reviews

By James Kasprzak  
and Robert Dempsey

The Ugly American is an informative fictional work based upon actual occurrences in underdeveloped countries throughout Asia. I know from my own reading that the events depicted in the book do happen.

The entire narrative is fast but I found most exciting the chapter entitled Nine Friends. It tells about the experiences of Father Finian who is sent from New England to Burma as a missionary. Having read the writings of Marx, Lenin, and Stalin, Father Finian was well prepared for the communist opposition he met in Burma. With the aid of several trusted natives, he published an anti-communist tract which became an effective tool in his fight against communist subversion. Unfortunately, Father Finian is not typical of the Americans portrayed in Mr. Lederer's best selling book. If you are curious about the actions of Americans abroad, read The Ugly American.



Living Free by Joy Adamson is an extraordinary story of Elsa, a semi-tamed lioness, and her cubs. Mr. and Mrs. Adamson reared Elsa from a baby cub to the mature lioness of three, when they began to release her into the wilderness for short periods of time. Elsa still showed affection for the Adamsons when she lived at their camp. This story tells of a warm relationship between animal and human. The book is a sequel to Born Free by the same author.

## FILMS

On Tuesday October 30, Dominick Trapani and Joseph Sima attended the M.G.M. special showing of Julius Caesar. All city high schools were invited to send student press representatives to view the film of Shakespeare's great masterpiece.

Speaking the immortal words of Shakespeare were such stars as Marlon Brando (Mark Antony), James Mason (Brutus), Louis Calhern (Caesar) and Edmond O'Brien (Casca). All the performers played their roles very well.

The two hour long movie is based on the intrigue, suspense, and conflict of that great era of Imperial Rome.

Other fine movies to be seen in connection with the M.G.M. program "See the film - enjoy the book" are: David Copperfield, The Good Earth, Captains Courageous, Kim, and A Tale of Two Cities.

These films based upon great books should give students personal enjoyment as well as background for their English studies.

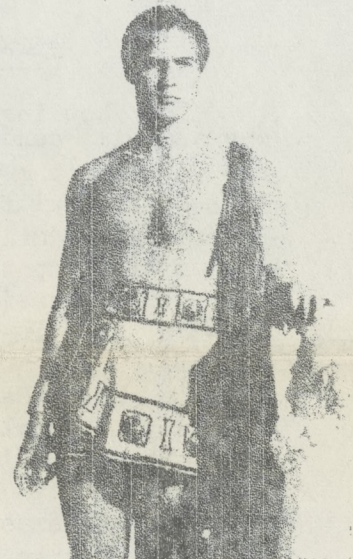
"Captains Courageous"

will be shown at

Loew's

Boro Park Theatre

Tuesday November 27



Marlon Brando as Antony

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